

REMARKS

Applicants, their principal representatives in Germany, and the undersigned have carefully reviewed the first Office Action of July 9, 2008 in the subject U.S. patent application. In response, various ones of the claims now pending in the application have been amended. It is believed that the claims now pending in the application are patentable over the prior art cited and relied on. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the first Office Action, claims 27-36, 39, 43-47 and 49-53 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent No. 4,007,866 to Traise in view of U.S. patent No. 4,387,861 to Kampf. Claims 37, 38, 40-42 and 48 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Each was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 27 has been amended to include the language of indicated allowable claim 37. Claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of independent claim 27, from which it depended.

In reviewing indicated allowable claims 37 and 38, it was noted that several minor issues existed in those two claims with respect to clarity of language. Claims 27 and 38, as amended, are believed to be in proper form. Specifically, as discussed at paragraph 011 of the Substitute Specification, the first motor is in the web receiving area and the second motor is in the web delivery area. The first motor can be controlled to run at a predetermined threading speed. The second motor can be controlled with respect to a torque on the motor. As set forth at paragraph 016 of the Substitute Specification, both of

the motors are adjustable in terms of motor speed and/or torque. Paragraph 017 of the Substitute Specification discusses torque control of the motor at the web receiving area and speed control of the motor at the web delivery area.

Claim 27, as amended, claims the method wherein the first motor, at the web receiving area, is regulated at a predetermined torque level. The second motor at the web delivery area is regulated at a predetermined web threading speed. Claim 38, as amended recites the inverse method. In Claim 38, the first motor, at the web receiving area, is regulated at a predetermined web threading speed. The second motor, at the web delivery area, is regulated at a predetermined motor torque. Claims 27 and 38 are both believed to now be allowable.

Claim 43 has been rewritten to include the language of indicated allowable dependent claim 48, together with the language of intervening dependent claim 47. It is believed that currently amended claim 43 is also now allowable.

Claims 37, 47 and 48 have been cancelled. Various other ones of the dependent claims have been amended to conform their language to that of believed allowable claims 27, 38 and 43.

During a review of the Substitute Specification, in the course of the preparation of this Amendment, a minor typographical error was noted in paragraph 016. That minor error has now been corrected. That correction does not raise any issues of new matter.

The prior art cited and relied on in the rejections of the claims, as well as the other prior art cited in the Office Action but not applied against the claims, has been noted. Since the claims indicated as being allowable have now been placed in independent form, no discussion of that prior art is believed to be required.

The indicated allowability of claims 40-42 has been noted. Applicants have chosen to not present those claims in independent form.


SUMMARY

Indicated allowable dependent claims 37, 38 and 48 have all been present in independent form. A minor typographical error in the specification has been corrected. It is believed that the claims now pending in the subject U.S. patent application are patentable over the prior art cited and relied on. Allowance of the claims, and passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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